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FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY ROME

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SUBJECT: CONDOLENCE MESSAGE ON DEATHS OF AMBASSADOR  
NOEL AND MR. MOORE

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM  
SECRETARY ROGERS TO FOREIGN MINISTER GIUSEPPE MEDICI  
QUOTE: DEAR MR. MINISTER: YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF  
SYMPATHY ON THE TRAGIC DEATHS OF AMBASSADOR CLEO A.  
NOEL, JR., AND MR. GEORGE C. MOORE HAS BEEN PASSED TO  
THE FAMILIES OF THESE HEROIC MEN, WHO HAVE ASKED ME  
TO THANK YOU ON THEIR BEHALF.

I BELIEVE WE MUST REDOUBLE OUR EFFORTS TO  
ELIMINATE SUCH WANTON ACTS OF TERRORISM, AND HOPE WE  
CAN WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE THAT THE PEOPLES OF ALL  
COUNTRIES CAN WORK AND TRAVEL WITHOUT FEAR. WILLIAM  
ROGERS. UNQUOTE

2. FOR EMBASSY' S INFORMATION TEXT OF LETTER FROM  
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FOREIGN MINISTER MEDICI FOLLOWS: QUOTE YOUR EXCELLENCY:  
I WAS DEEPLY GRIEVED AND DISTRESSED BY THE NEWS OF THE  
BARBAROUS ASSASSINATION OF AMBASSADOR NOEL AND OF THE  
DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION GEORGE MOORE.

WHILE CONDEMNING SUCH ATROCIOUS AND ABSURD ACTS  
OF VIOLENCE, THAT EMBITTER AND EXASPERATE INTERNATIONAL

RELATIONS, I WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY MY  
MOST SINCERE SYMPATHY AND SOLIDARITY ALSO ON BEHALF  
OF THE ENTIRE FOREIGN SERVICE OF ITALY.

I WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO YOU IF OUR FEELINGS COULD  
BE CONVEYED TO THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS. GIUSEPPE  
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3. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE BUT HAS NO  
OBJECTIONS IF RELEASED BY RECIPIENT.

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